

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 3816, ENERGY AND
WATER DEVELOPMENT APPRO-
PRIATIONS ACT, 1997

SPEECH OF

HON. ZACH WAMP

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 24, 1996

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 3816) making appropriations for energy and water development for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1997, and for other purposes:

Mr. WAMP. Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to the amendment offered by the gentlemen from Wisconsin to eliminate funding for the Department of Energy's [DOE] Advanced Light Water Reactor [ALWR] program. The fiscal year 1997 House energy and water development appropriations bill provides \$17 million for this program, which will conclude the Federal Government's participation in the development of the ALWR.

This program is a joint DOE-nuclear industry program with the industry contributing more than 50 percent in matching funds. Although I opposed funding for the ALWR last year, it has become apparent to me that this program represents our Nation's last hope of building the most technologically advanced nuclear reactors. More importantly, I have learned that termination costs built into the contract create a potential liability far exceeding the \$17 million provided for in this appropriations bill. Therefore, it will be more expensive to terminate this project under the Obey amendment than to let the authorization expire. It should also be noted that the Federal Government will receive royalties from the sale of these newly designed reactors.

It is well known that our Nation's growing dependence on imported oil—particularly from the Middle East—poses a serious threat to our national security. I firmly believe we must maintain a strong Federal commitment to researching alternative fuel sources. As the world becomes more dangerous and less stable, it is all the more important that we reduce our dependence on foreign sources of fuel to meet our energy needs.

Mr. Chairman, for these reasons and others I have decided to cast my vote against the amendment offered by the gentleman from Wisconsin, and I urge my colleagues to defeat the Obey amendment.

FATHER ROBERT CRONIN
HONORED

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 1996

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, Father Robert W. Cronin's service in the priesthood has spanned 44 years, and during this time he has faithfully served people throughout the State of Connecticut. On July 28, 1996 Father Cronin will retire from active parish ministry and his post at the Roman Catholic Parish of St. Coleman in Middlefield, where he has served since 1991. I would like to join his parishioners in

congratulating this extraordinary priest on his retirement.

Father Cronin was ordained into the priesthood on May 22, 1952, at St. Thomas Seminary in Bloomfield, CT by the Most Reverend Henry J. O'Brien, who was then the bishop of Hartford. Following his ordination, Father Cronin served as assistant pastor at three churches in the New London area, a time he recalls as being marked by personal growth. While living in New London, he directed the Office of Catholic Charities, which provides social work services as parishes in Connecticut and Rhode Island. Father Cronin played a significant role in building a strong advisory board at the Catholic charities.

Father Cronin's first pastorate was St. Maurice Church in Bolton, where he began serving in 1965. After the Second Vatican Council he was called upon to implement the liturgical changes in this parish. Father Cronin recalls that it was "wonderful to inaugurate those changes." He was particularly excited about the opportunity to get the members of the congregation more involved in the mass. Before moving to St. Agnes Church in Niantic in 1980, Father Cronin presided over the construction of Bolton's parish center. He has said that these parishes shared a great spirit and sense of community and liturgy.

He was appointed to his current post at St. Coleman Church in Middlefield in 1991. Father Cronin's time at St. Coleman Church has been marked by his tremendous involvement in the lives of his parishioners. Parishioners have noted Father Cronin's generosity, kindness, and genuine interest in people. In particular, he has always enjoyed working with the parish's children. He oversaw the religious education program and is known for frequently stopping by classes to talk with the children.

Father Cronin has a unique talent for drawing a congregation together. During his tenure in Middlefield, the members of St. Coleman worked together to build a storage barn on the church property. Father Cronin has said of his years of work in the priesthood, "It was wonderful to be able to be of help to people, to make a difference positively in people's lives. Every parish has good people, and they are one's blessings."

I am delighted to join Father Cronin's parish in congratulating him on his retirement. I know your retirement will be a productive time and will give you the chance to pursue your interests with renewed energy and enthusiasm. I commend you for a lifetime of service to both the Catholic Church and the many parishioners whose lives you have touched in very special ways.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. DONALD A. MANZULLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 1996

Mr. MANZULLO. Mr. Speaker, on Monday last, due to a family emergency, I missed roll-call votes 332 through 337. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall vote 332 and "yes" on rollcall votes 333, 334, 335, 336, and 337. I request unanimous consent that my statement be included following the vote in the permanent record. Thank you.

TRIBUTE TO BROOKE BENNETT

HON. CHARLES T. CANADY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 1996

Mr. CANADY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Brooke Bennett of Plant City, FL. As America watched, this 16-year-old swam her way to Olympic gold in the 800-meter freestyle competition last night. Brooke took the lead early and never looked back, and in just under 8½ minutes, she claimed victory for the United States.

The Olympic spirit has warmed the hearts of Americans everywhere, as we have cheered for Brooke and her fellow athletes in the centennial games. We are so proud of each of them—as they have demonstrated strength, commitment, and determination in their events. They have represented our country in stellar fashion, unifying us as a nation and inspiring each one of us to go for the gold every day.

As we look ahead, we look forward to watching Brooke Bennett continue to develop her swimming talent and expect to see many more shining medals in her bright future. Congratulations, Brooke. We're very proud of you.

A TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR
STEPHEN SMALE

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 1996

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Stephen Smale, a constituent and professor emeritus of mathematics at the University of California at Berkeley, who received the National Medal of Science today from President Clinton and Vice President GORE.

Proof is abundant that Professor Smale is one of the great minds in mathematics of that last few decades: The Veblen Prize for geometry in 1965, the Chauvenet Prize in 1988 by the Mathematical Association of America, the von Neumann Award in 1989 by the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, the Alfred Sloan Research Fellowship from 1960 to 1962, and the Fields Medal, considered the Nobel Prize of mathematics.

Professor Smale's accomplishments span a broad range of topics. He has made major discoveries in the fields of topology, mathematical economics, and the mathematics of computer computation. He also has made significant contributions in the fields of dynamical systems, geometry, and operations research.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Professor Stephen Smale on his receiving the National Medal of Science and on his lifetime of achievements.

SNOW BASIN LAND EXCHANGE

HON. WILLIAM J. MARTINI

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, July 26, 1996

Mr. MARTINI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to introduce, along with my colleague,